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WASHINGTON, June 26, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 21 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 4.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 445 billion ton-miles, 4.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 21 totaled 448,567 cars, 10.8 percent below 1979, and 0.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 17.0 percent in the East, 4.0 percent in the South, and 10.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 120,431, up 11.0 percent over 1979. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 14 totaled 31,740 cars, down 15.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 58,758 trailers and/or containers, 10.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 785,046 cars, 8.1 percent lower than last year, and 1,425,714 trailers and/or containers, down 5.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/21/80.

	Loadings in Week ended June 21, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,318	D	2,260	7.2	I	1,857	6.8
Other farm products	4,692	D	769	14.1	I	104	2.3
Metallic ores	35,017	D	7,528	17.7	I	1,772	5.3
Coal	120,431	I	11,923	11.0	D	2,514	2.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,002	D	3,991	21.0	D	851	5.4
Nonmetallic minerals	17,261	I	668	4.0	I	988	6.1
Grain mill products	16,358	D	1,689	9.4	D	624	3.7
Food and kindred products	17,976	D	852	4.5	D	51	0.3
Primary forest products	20,697	D	1,093	5.0	D	97	0.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,105	D	4,021	30.6	I	507	5.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,582	D	1,911	8.5	D	94	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	25,077	D	2,657	9.6	D	520	2.0
Petroleum products	5,377	D	1,293	19.4	D	202	3.6
Stone, clay and glass products	14,736	D	5,537	27.3	D	611	4.0
Coke	4,754	D	2,766	36.8	I	24	0.5
Metals and products	14,123	D	6,491	31.5	D	722	4.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,850	D	7,776	32.9	D	278	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	10,582	D	4,608	30.3	D	675	6.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,336	D	3,120	23.2	I	417	4.2
All other carloads	41,097	D	8,243	16.7	D	159	0.4
LCL traffic	196	D	298	60.3	I	12	6.5
Total Cars Loaded	448,567	D	54,312	10.8	D	1,717	0.4
Corresponding week of 1979	502,879						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	11,033,479	11,341,481	D	2.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
24 weeks cumulative	426.5	407.4	I	4.7
Week ended June 21	18.3	19.1	D	4.2
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